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It will not be many moons until the Provincial Legislators meet in Victoria and now is the time to consider the improvements needed next year. By placing the requirements of this district before our hard-working member at an early date it will give him time to consider them and facilitate business all round.

Canada is rich in gold, silver, lead, zinc, iron, copper, mica, and other valuable minerals. When Canadians get a better idea of the country they will go out and occupy the land and use the great blessings that nature has placed within their reach to enrich Canadian homes. Our American cousins are beginning to realize that Canada is not a country of short summers and long winters, and that the rocks and the earth are full of good things ready to be converted into wealth; and, maybe, this is the reason that Uncle Sam is so much inclined to a closer union with Our Lady of the Snows.

Sir Wm. H. Preece says, "There is no such motto as 'Great Britain for the Britains.' Here we are loyal to everybody but a Briton. Our industries not only receive no protection, but they are retarded by internal restriction of the worst character, and our manufacturers are handicapped in every direction. Railway companies favor foreign productions by giving preferential rates, and freights are excessive. A case came within my own experience where a contract went to America because the freight from one of our Lancashire towns was 25s. per ton, while from Philadelphia it was only 16s. 6d."

Mackenzie & Mann want the people of British Columbia to give them as a present \$2,500,000 and 8,000,000 acres of land as a subsidy for building the Canada Northern railway across an immensely rich part of this Province—through the Yellowhead Pass to the Pacific coast. The road must be built and there is no need to assist it. Will the people of this province grant this magnificent request remains to be seen. The road will be built under any circumstance and this province might better keep its short change and land. Anyway the voters should keep an eye on these sharks, else they will gobble up the whole country.

Today is Christmas Day and The Outcrop wishes its readers a merry time. There is every reason to rejoice. Since last Christmas there has been steady progress made throughout this big district and throughout all Canada there has been prosperity. But in a country like this we may enjoy ourselves unstinted for there are no poor people, all have enough and to spare. Every man has had all the work he wanted and this festive season can be enjoyed without the feeling that there are those near who are in need. Then, turn loose and make merry. From the highest peaks of the Selkirk down to the Columbia river and up again to the top of the Rockies let the joyous sounds echo and re-echo. Whoop her up, boys!

Mackenzie & Mann, who are asking a bonus of \$6400 a mile from the Dominion of Canada and a further bonus of \$5000 a mile from the province of British Columbia for the construction of a railway through the Yellowhead Pass to the Pacific coast, have just placed an order for \$2,700,000 worth of steel in Germany.

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THE HEART OF A CHILD

A gentle little gentle old woman,
Walked slowly along the street,
Her garments, that old and threadbare,
Were perfectly clean and neat;
And though with a painful effort
She moved—then rested a while—
Her wrinkled features were often
Blamed by a lovely smile.

The little children behind her,
And pitted her sluggish pace
But marvelled more when they lifted
Their eyes to her aged face,
And noticed the smile upon it,
For it seemed, in very truth,
As if Old Truth had forgotten
The charm of her vanished youth.

And always the smile was brighter
When little children drew near;
Glowing, lingering, falling,
And losing itself in a tear.
And one little thoughtful maiden,
Not fearing to question why,
Said, "Haven't you any children,
And is that the reason you cry?"

With a sob in her throat that hindered
The answer, the old woman said,
In a whisper, "I had—children
Once—but they're now all dead!"
With quivering lip the maiden
Had listened; her heart beat fast
With pity, "I'm awfully sorry,"
She fervently said at last.

"And I wish I could let you have 'em all,
One of my brothers here;
But I don't believe I could spare one,
For they are so very dear."
And these you, my child, I forget
God bless you?" the dame replied;
And hiding her face in her apron
She bitterly sobbed and cried.

The dear little maid was troubled,
There were tears in her eyes of blue,
And she said after thinking a moment,
"I'll tell you what I will do:
You may kiss me once if you like to,
And a little I don't mind;
You may give him some extra kisses—
He's as sweet as sugar, you'll find."

Round the neck of the strange old woman
Their arms were tenderly thrown,
And they gave her as hearty kisses
As if she had been their own;
And many a passer wondered
At seeing her thus caressed,
Despite her shabby old garments,
Deep to her shining old garments.

By children so kindly dressed,
They knew not how little children
Are to be had at the sight of gold.
So here, at an elder's whisper,
They hasten to give relief;
Nor heard they the poor old woman
Exclaim, as she turned away,
"Why, I haven't been so light-hearted
As this for many a day."
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Christmas Greeting!

Why
Complain?

This is not the season of the year when the days are made
gladsome by the bright sunshine of spring, but it is just
the time when the outward man should be made to beam
with gladness by giving to the inner man those luxuries of
Christmas tide. The good housewife knows that to have
good Xmas, cakes, puddings, pies, etc., she must get the
best things to put into them, and let us say right here that
we are prepared to furnish what is needed in this respect.
California layer and seedless raisins, currants, shelled nuts,
icing sugars, figs, dates, candies, orange, lemon and citron
peel. Everything in the line of spices.

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ment of
Dry
Goods
Suitable
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Christmas
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